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7. (new) A carrier for a panelling system having at least a pair of longitudinally adjacent panels, each of which has a first and second hook-shaped flange extending longitudinally from longitudinally opposite sides of the panel, the carrier comprising:

- an arm that extends longitudinally from a vertically-extending member and that includes: i) a first upwardly-open U-shaped channel between an upstanding free end and an upstanding locking lug and ii) a second upwardly-open U-shaped channel between the locking lug and the vertically-extending member;
- wherein the first channel is adapted to receive the first hook-shaped flange of one panel of the pair of panels and the second channel is adapted to receive the second flange of the other panel of the pair of panels to attach the pair of panels to the carrier.

8. (new) The carrier of claim 7 wherein the upstanding free end of the arm comprises a downwardly and outwardly angled surface for sliding co-operation with the first hook-shaped flange of one panel of the pair of panels during installation of the panels to the carrier.

9. (new) The carrier of claim 7 or claim 8 wherein the locking lug extends vertically above the upstanding free end.

10. (new) A panel for a paneling system having at least a pair of parallel, spaced-apart carriers, each of which has an arm that extends longitudinally from a vertically-extending member and that includes i) a first upwardly-open U-shaped channel between an upstanding free end and ii) an upstanding locking lug and a second upwardly-open U-shaped channel between the locking lug and the vertically-extending member; the panel comprising:

- first and second hook-like flanges extending longitudinally from longitudinally-opposite sides of the panel;

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- wherein the first hook-like flange is adapted to be received in the first upwardly-open U-shaped channel of one carrier of the pair of carriers; and wherein the second hook-like flange is adapted to be received in the second upwardly-open U-shaped channel of the other carrier of the pair of carriers to attach the panel to the pair of carriers.

11. (new) The panel of claim 10 wherein the first hook-like flange comprises a first downwardly-extending rim with a downwardly and outwardly angled surface facing the adjacent longitudinal side of the panel; the rim being adapted for sliding cooperation with the upstanding free end of one of the pair of carriers during installation of the panel to the pair of carriers.

12. (new) A panelling system comprising at least a pair of parallel, spaced-apart carriers of any one of claims 7-9 and at least a pair of longitudinally-adjacent panels of claim 10 or 11.